

52-153
DB
T
#9

APR 20 2004

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700

Group Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: Rodriguez

~~~~~

For **CAP OPERATED RETRACTABLE  
MEDICAL DEVICE**

**Via First Class Mail**

I hereby certify that the papers enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, with postage prepaid, on the date set forth below in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date of Mailing

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature

**Kristen R. Paris, Registration No. 52,092**  
**Attorney for Applicant**

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

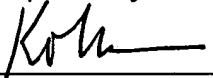
Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit this supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to provide copies of references cited in a supplemental Search Report issued March 8, 2004 in the corresponding European application. This submittal is made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 and §609 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. The patents, publications and

other information herein are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08B. Copies of the listed references are submitted herewith.

Applicants hereby expressly reserve the right to swear behind the effective dates of any of the above patents and other publications and to question the relevance and materiality of the Patents and Publications listed herein, in whole, in part, or in combination, subsequent to filing this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is believed no fee is due for submission of this paper. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee due to Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP Deposit Account No. 12-1781.

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kristen R. Paris  
Registration No. 52,092

Date: April 13, 2004  
LOCKE LIDDELL & SAPP LLP  
2200 Ross Avenue, Suite 2200  
Dallas, TX 75201-6776  
(214) 740-8678  
(214) 740-8800 (fax)